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#### COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

## STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, NOVEMBER 7, 2000

APPLICATION OF

BROOKFIELD WATER COMPANY, INC.

CASE NO. PUE000409

For a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide water service to the Brookfield subdivision

# ORDER INVITING WRITTEN COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR HEARING

On August 1, 2000, Brookfield Water Company, Inc.

("Brookfield" or the "Company"), filed an application to obtain

a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide

water service to the Brookfield subdivision in Botetourt County,

Virginia. On October 13, 2000, Brookfield filed an amendment

revising certain of its rules, regulations, and rates for

clarification purposes.

In the Company's application as amended, Brookfield proposes the following tariff for water service:

### 1. Service Connections:

(a) ¾ inch service connection \$800.00

(b) service connection over \$800.00 plus cost to Company greater than for ¾ inch connection

#### 2. Water Rates:

Rates Bi-monthly

For any portion of the \$20.00 (minimum first 4,000 gallons charge)

For the next 1,000 gallons \$3.00 per each 1,000 gallons

## 3. Minimum Charge:

There shall be a bi-monthly minimum service charge of \$20.00 for water service, and no bill will be rendered for less than the minimum charge. This minimum bi-monthly service charge shall become effective when the water service is connected to the lot.

The Company renders its bills in arrears on a bi-monthly basis. The Company proposes a late payment charge of 1.5% per month, a bad check charge of \$6.00, and a customer deposit in an amount equal to no more than the customer's estimated bill for two months' water service usage.

When service has been discontinued because of a violation of the Company's rules and regulations or non-payment of any bill, the Company proposes a turn-on charge of \$25.00. After initial meter installation, a \$10.00 charge will be made for any meter turn-on or turn-off requested by the customer, except when related to changes of occupancy. If the meter is removed by the Company, a charge of \$40.00 will be made for reinstallation and connection. The Company will not charge for meter testing where the meter has not been tested within the past two year period;

if the meter has been tested within this period, the customer must pay the actual cost of the test, unless the meter is found to have an average error greater than 2%.

The Company's tariff with its rules and regulations of service may be viewed during regular business hours at the Commission's Document Control Center, Tyler Building, First Floor, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, and also during regular business hours at the Company's office at 481 Plantation Drive, Fincastle, Virginia.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the Company's application, is of the opinion and finds that this application should be docketed, that Staff should investigate and analyze the application and present its recommendations to the Commission, and that the public should have an opportunity to comment and request a hearing on the application. We will require Brookfield to submit certain financial data referenced herein based on information for a twelve (12) month period commencing January 1, 2000.

Accordingly, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUE000409.
- (2) The Company's tariff with its rules and regulations of service may be viewed during regular business hours at the Commission's Document Control Center, Tyler Building, First

Floor, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia. The Company shall make a copy of its application and attachments available for public inspection during regular business hours at 481 Plantation Drive, Fincastle, Virginia.

(3) On or before December 15, 2000, the Company shall mail the following notice (bill inserts are acceptable) to all of its customers in the Brookfield subdivision in Botetourt County, Virginia:

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF BROOKFIELD WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY CASE NO. PUE000409

Notice hereby is given that Brookfield Water Company, Inc. ("Brookfield" or the "Company"), has applied with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity. In its application, the Company requests authority to provide water service to the Brookfield subdivision in Botetourt County, Virginia. The Company proposes the following tariff for water service:

#### (1) Service Connections:

(a) ¾ inch service connection

\$800.00

(b) service connection over \%-inch

\$800.00 plus cost to Company greater than for ¾ inch connection

#### (2) Water Rates:

Rates Bi-monthly

For any portion of the \$20.00 (minimum first 4,000 gallons charge)

For the next 1,000 \$3.00 per each gallons 1,000 gallons

## (3) Minimum Charge:

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that while the total revenue requirement that may be approved is limited to the amount of revenue produced by the Company's proposed rates, individual rates and charges approved by the Commission may be either higher to lower than those proposed by the Company.

The Company has filed its rules and regulations of service as part of its application, the details of which may be reviewed by interested parties. The Company's tariff with its rules and regulations of service may be viewed during regular business hours at the Commission's Document Control Center, Tyler Building, First Floor, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia; and also during regular business hours at 481 Plantation Drive, Fincastle, Virginia.

Any person wishing to comment on the application or request a hearing may do so on or before January 19, 2001, by addressing such comments or requests to: Joel H. Peck, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and shall refer to Case No. PUE00409. A copy of the comments or requests for hearing must also be sent to the Company as follows: Kenworth E. Lion, Jr., Esquire, Lion Law Offices, 727 Burning Tree Circle, Salisbury, Maryland 21801. Requests for hearing shall state why such issues cannot be adequately addressed in written comments.

If no requests for hearing are received, a formal hearing with oral testimony may not be held, and the Commission may make its decisions administratively, based upon papers filed in this proceeding.

BROOKFIELD WATER COMPANY, INC.

- (4) The Company forthwith shall serve a copy of this Order on the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of any county and upon the Mayor or Manager of any county, city, or town (or equivalent officials in counties, towns, and cities having alternate forms of government) lying within the Company's service area. Service shall be made by first-class mail or delivery to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.
- (5) On or before January 2, 2001, the Company shall provide the Commission with proof of notice required in Ordering Paragraphs (3) and (4).
- (6) On or before January 19, 2001, any interested person wishing to comment on the application shall address such comments: Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and shall refer to Case No. PUE000409. A copy of such comments simultaneously shall be sent to the Company as follows: Kenworth E. Lion, Jr., Esquire, Lion Law Offices, 727 Burning Tree Circle, Salisbury, Maryland 21801.
- (7) On or before January 19, 2001, any person desiring a hearing in this matter shall file a request for hearing in writing with Joel H. Peck, at the address set forth in Ordering Paragraph (6) above, and shall refer to Case No. PUE000409. A copy of such request simultaneously shall be sent to the Company

to Kenworth E. Lion, Jr., at the address set forth in Ordering Paragraph (6) above. Any request for hearing shall detail reasons that such issues cannot be adequately addressed in written comments.

- (8) Appropriate members of the Commission's Staff shall review the application and shall submit, on or before February 1, 2001, a report presenting their findings and recommendations.
- (9) On or before April 2, 2001, the Company shall file certain information with the Commission's Division of Public Utility Accounting based on operations for the twelve (12) months commencing January 1, 2000; such information shall include an income statement, balance sheet, cash flow statement, and the most recent federal income tax return.
  - (10) This matter is continued generally.